

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Morocco-Algeria

a. Skirmishing yesterday along the border and on the diplomatic front produced no major changes.

b. The Algerians probably have not, as they claim, retaken the disputed post of Hassi Beida, where the Moroccans have marked superiority.

c. We have no confirmation of a French press item this morning that Hassan and Ben Bella have agreed to meet in Libya. Our best information is that they have not yet agreed on a site or on a basis for discussions.

d. Haile Selassie, pessimistic about bilateral talks, is slightly more hopeful that the meeting of African foreign ministers he is now promoting might yield something. U Thant may get into the act today.

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2. Aid to Algeria

a. [redacted]

Nasir [redacted]

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b. [ ] transported  
some equipment and dispatched some  
[ ] military personnel [ ]

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c. [ ]

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[ ] a personal appeal to  
Nasir from Ben Bella for "troops,  
weapons and a military command."

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d. Castro may have received  
a similar appeal. [ ]

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f. Several Cuban vessels are  
enroute to or have arrived in Alger-  
ian ports with military equipment,  
including T-34 tanks.

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### 3. Congo

a. Just as the situation in Leopoldville seemed yesterday to be calming down and the strikes ending, the "emergency committee" arrested the three top labor leaders.

b. This action could spark more trouble in the tinder dry Leopoldville situation. The committee must have concluded that this was a chance they had to take since these individuals were calling for a new government minus most of the committeemen.

c. Ambassador Gullion has called on Prime Minister Adoula, whom the laborites are willing to retain, and found him a "spectator", the real operational center of government having shifted to the offices of the committee in the center of town.

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#### 4. Malaysia

a. Thai Foreign Minister Thanat is back trying to bring the Maphilindo powers together again.

b. Yesterday he sent messages to the three capitals urging a restoration of diplomatic relations and early talks.

c. He is not sanguine about his chances and neither are we.

d. Indonesia early in the week issued a new decree which provides the death penalty for certain economic and political crimes. It is intended to suppress opposition to or evasion of the government's anti-Malaysia policies and is a sharp departure from Sukarno's hitherto rather mild authoritarianism.

e. We do not think that the amounts and types of Soviet aid--which Ambassador Mikhailov indicated earlier in the week would be forthcoming--will compensate Djakarta for the losses incurred through these policies.

5. UAR - Yemen -  
Saudi Arabia

a. Faysal has demonstrated anew his disgruntlement with UAR performance under the UN disengagement agreement.

b. In a [redacted] conversation yesterday with Ambassador Hart, Faysal intimated that he is not inclined to extend the UN mission beyond early next month, the present deadline, in the absence of Egyptian troop withdrawals. He did not completely close the door, however.

c. The Egyptians have indicated a willingness to go along with the UN mission for a further month, [redacted]  
[redacted]

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NOTES

- A. USSR-Cuba Khrushchev's "Dear Fidel" letter yesterday offers aid a bit in excess of that needed for immediate relief but far short of what would be required to cover the longer term effects of Flora.
- B. Kenya Some of the pressure went out of the Kenya situation Thursday when the leading opposition group "postponed" its plans to secede and said it would try instead to work with Kenyatta. It still expects, however, that he will transfer certain powers and funds to regional authorities by the turn of the year.
- C. Ecuador The junta has not been able to lay hands on the perpetrators of a recent series of bombings in Quito but promises to deal firmly with them. The authorities, warning that they intend to fight fire with fire, have ordered special training for police and opened counterinsurgency courses for troops.
- D. Honduras Colonel Lopez, a successful coup behind him, now wants to be elected president. [redacted] his followers are organizing a new political party as the vehicle of this ambition. [redacted]

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- E. Austria-Berlin Austrian Airlines is trying for authorization of a Vienna-Berlin air route and has sent identical letters on the subject to the four occupying powers. We opposed a similar Austrian effort last spring on the grounds that it would require negotiations with the East Germans and could thus raise questions about allied use of air corridors to West Berlin.